Word Lists: Irregular Word Endings

These letter combinations make different sounds—that is, they don't decode normally--when they occur at the end of a word. Sometimes they are suffixes, sometimes they are not.

ed (fixed) Pronounced with a clipped "d" sound.

faced

laced

shaded

drafted

raided

pained

painted

raised

baked

walked

halted

slammed

camped

taped

farmed

S (tags) Should pronounce with an /s/. but often pronounces with a /z/.

cabs

gabs

fads

bags

tags

mails

pains

raids

sales

rams

vans

hangs

guards

hems

champs

(fixes) Should pronounce with an /s/. but often pronounces

blazes faces fences laces preaches reaches catches spades benches pinches robes

coaches

bites

es

with a /z/.

ive (active)

Should pronounce with a long i, but usually pronounces with a short i when it is functioning as a suffix..

ation

active passive negative affirmative

> ous (famous)

joyous virtuous famous nervous wondrous anxious

> ious (serious)

serious furious impervious

tion (action)

caution action attention nation

> old (bold)

mild

wild

child

bold

cold

fold

gold

hold

mold

old

sold

told

scold

ild

(wild)

(vacation) sensation

vacation adoration fascination pagination starvation narration emancipation

> cial (special)

facial special commercial

> tial (partial)

partial

